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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, enclosed please find two originally signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorneys, Preliminary Amendment, 44 sheets of replacement drawings and a Sequence Listing. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$130 to cover the Missing Parts completion fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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